

July 2015

Hermitage Precinct

Metro Nashville Police Department

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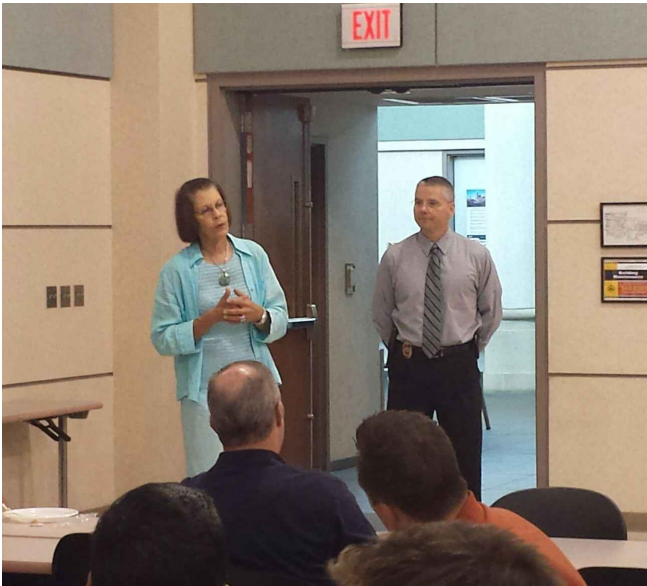
Field Operations Bureau Patrol Officer of the Year

Officer John Carlisle



Officer Carlisle, a 14-year veteran of the Metro Police Department, uses his skills and intuition to enhance the safety of the neighborhoods in which he works. One of his cases in 2014 illustrates that commitment. During a stop for a traffic violation on Lebanon Pike, the driver was found to have a suspended license and ap-

peared nervous. During a search of the driver, a small bag of crystal meth was found. An inventory search of the car revealed 225 grams of crystal meth and various items of paraphernalia...all with an estimated street value in excess of \$100,000.



14th Rayon City Appreciation Lunch-eon held at Hermitage Precinct. The organizer, Susan Meece, speaks to the officers about the excellent service they provide to the community.

Commander Donegan and officers visited J.C. Napier and University Court to meet and visit with residents.



Hermitage Community Meeting on 6-15-15. Sgt Anderson from Domestic Violence is speaking to the audience about Domestic Violence in Society during his presentation.



Bethel University Scholarship



Hermitage Precinct Officer Dan Motte received a \$5,000 scholarship from Bethel University toward his Master's degree.

Officer Motte pictured with Bethel University's Denny King and Brett Gipson.



SUBMIT A WEB TIP

WWW.NASHVILLECRIMESTOPPERS.COM
615-74-CRIME (615-742-7463)

Text "CASH" plus your message to
CRIMES (274637)

Hermitage Precinct Officer of the Month

December 2014

Police Officer of the Month

Stephen Massy

Patrol Officer of the Month

Benjamin Cole - Christina Buckner

Investigator of the Month

Chris Key

January 2015

Police Officer of the Month

Paul Ellis - Charles Morgan

Patrol Officer of the Month

Shawn Taylor - Kevin Reynolds

Investigator of the Month

Christopher Key

February 2015

Police Officer of the Month

Brandon Whittaker

Patrol Officer of the Month

Roy McElwee

Investigator of the Month

James Kelly

Hermitage Precinct Officer of the Month

March 2015

Police Officer of the Month

Cory Hale

Patrol Officer of the Month

Gregory Dixon

Investigator of the Month

Braden Gant

April 2015

Police Officer of the Month

Daniel Herndon

Patrol Officer of the Month

William McKay - Michael Baker

Investigator of the Month

James Kelly - David Harper

May 2015

Police Officer of the Month

Cory Hale

Patrol Officer of the Month

Felipe Pereira

Investigator of the Month

Matthew Fackler

Council on Aging of Greater Nashville

Scam of the Month

January 2015

Protecting Your Good Name

You've spent a lot of time and effort to make sure that your financial reputation is in top notch shape. Here are a few tips to safeguard that hard-earned good name.

Check your credit report at least once a year and correct any errors. The three nationwide credit reporting companies have set up a central website, a toll-free telephone number, and a mailing address through which you can order your free annual report. To order, visit annualcreditreport.com, call 1-877-322-8228. Or complete the [Annual Credit Report Request Form](#) and mail it to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

- Do not give out your Social Security number or have it printed on your checks.
 - Get a new driver's license that does not show your Social Security number.
 - Carefully dispose of papers with personal information. Shredding is best.
 - Cut back on the number of cards you carry. Do NOT routinely carry your Social Security card, birth certificate or passport.
- Be wary of any business that asks for your credit card or bank account information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you confirm that you are dealing with an actual representative of the company.

Source: AARP Tennessee Update 2007

February 2015

Beware of 'Miracle Cures'

While health scams have been around for many years, the internet is providing a new way to target seniors with "miracle cures" and untested remedies. The problem is serious as some of these "cures" may be physically harmful, waste money and keep people from getting the medical treatment they need. The most common areas that scam artists target are anti-aging medications, arthritis remedies, cancer cures, memory aids and excessive dietary supplements.

Look for red flags in ads or promotional materials that:

- Promise a quick or painless cure
- Claim the product is made from a special, secret or ancient formula
- Offer products and services only by mail or from one company
- Use statements or unproven case histories from so-called satisfied patients
- Claim to be a cure for a wide range of ailments
- Claim to cure a disease (such as arthritis or Alzheimer's) that hasn't been cured by medical science
- Promise a no-risk, money-back guarantee
- Offer an additional "free" gift or a larger amount of the product as a "special promotion"

Require advance payment and claim there is a limited supply of the product

If you have a question about a product, talk to your doctor who knows your health history and how the product may work with other conditions or medications you are taking.

Source: National Institute on Aging of the US Department of Health and Human Services

Council on Aging of Greater Nashville

Scam of the Month

March 2015

How to Secure Your Smartphone and Its Data

Smartphones have become an important part of daily life for most of us, including for many older adults. We rely on our smartphone not just for calls but for emails, texts, internet access, banking, news and entertainment. However, this means that our phone contains important personal and financial information that needs to be protected. Some tips to protect yourself, your device and the data that it contains:

- Never leave the phone unattended in a public place or visible in your car.
- Write down the device's make, model number, serial number and identification number (IMEI or MEID number). You will need this to make a police report.
- Review your warranty agreement to see what will happen if your phone is stolen or lost.
- Establish a password in order to restrict access and limit data theft.

Consider installing and maintaining anti-theft software.

What to do if your device is stolen or lost:

- Try to locate the device by calling it or using the anti-theft software's GPS locator.
- Just to be safe, remotely lock the phone if it is lost.
- Immediately report the theft or loss to your carrier. You are responsible for any charges incurred up to when you report the device stolen or lost.

When you feel that the device is stolen and not lost, report it to the police. Include the information mentioned above.

Source: Viper Antivirus Newsletter 2014

April 2015

Home Improvement Scams

With spring's arrival many of us are considering improvements around our homes. Seniors are often targeted by unscrupulous repairmen and contractors.

Consumers will save time, money and aggravation by following some basic good sense rules:

- Use a local well-established contractor. Ask for references and check with customers to find out if they were satisfied.
 - Get competitive bids on all work and be wary of any bid that seems too good to be true.
 - Don't accept high-pressure offers or deals that force you to make a quick decision.
 - Beware of the contractor who comes to your door with a business card containing only a phone number and no address, or the one who is staying temporarily in a local motel.
 - Never say yes to someone who wants money up front before the job is done or wants you to withdraw a large amount of money from your bank.
 - Check to see the work is complete and done correctly before paying.
- Find out when and how payment will take place before work begins.

Source: several local resources

Council on Aging of Greater Nashville

Scam of the Month

May 2015

Protect Your Retirement: Beware of Pension Advances

A pension advance is a loan or cash advance in exchange for all or part of your pension. Many pension advance companies charge consumers high interest rates and fees. Pension advances can quickly strip away pension income.

If you are considering a pension advance, follow these dos and don'ts:

Don't give anyone access or control over your monthly pension payments. Lenders sometime arrange for monthly payments to be automatically deposited in a newly created bank account and then the account is debited to pay back the loan, fees and interest charges. You have lost control of the payments and fees.

Be cautious if you are asked to sign up for life insurance with the pension advance company as your beneficiary. This could be just another expense for you to pay.

Don't be fooled by patriotic-sounding names, logos or claims of government-backing. These advances are NOT endorsed by a federal or state government.

Do look at other options if you are having financial difficulties. Consider getting advice from a non-profit credit counseling agency.

Source: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

June 2015

Elder Abuse Awareness Day -- June 15

Each year June 15 is designated as Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day should serve as a reminder that, by law, each of us is required to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to the TN Department of Human Services, Adult Protective Services. This includes seniors living alone, with relatives or caregivers or in facilities. **ALL REFERRAL SOURCES ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**. Adult Protective Services can be reached at 1-888-277-8366 or www.tn.gov/humanserv.

Scams are one of the major forms of financial exploitation of older adults. Some signs that a senior may be a scam victim include:

- Changes in behaviors such as being fearful distressed or secretive.
 - Being accompanied to financial transactions by a caregiver who dominates or is overly protective.
 - Inability, difficulty or confusion in handling personal finances
 - Inability to pay for essential care or services
- Lost checks, missing funds or unusual activity on bank accounts.

Source: Council on Aging of Greater Nashville Elder Abuse Group



Safe Parking Reminder

The Metro Nashville Police Dept. would like to encourage you to

"Park Smart"

Please keep in mind the following tips to assist in preventing thefts.

- 1) Never leave the keys in your vehicle while it is unattended – even only if it is for a brief time.
- 2) Never leave your car unattended while it is running.
- 3) Always lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up when parked.
- 4) Do not leave items of value visible inside of your car. Place them in your trunk, conceal them from view, or take them with you.
- 5) Park in busy, well lit areas whenever possible.
- 6) Be aware of suspicious activity as you enter a parking lot and avoid potential dangers.

RECRUITMENT NOTES

NEWS FROM BACKGROUND & RECRUITMENT

AS OF MARCH 1, 2007, THE ONLY WAY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE IS ON-LINE. AN APPLICANT CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE METRO GOVERNMENT WEB SITE AT WWW.NASHVILLE.GOV OR THERE IS A LINK TO APPLICATION PROCESS ON THE WWW.JOINMNPd.COM WEB SITE. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

Each user must have a unique email address when setting up an account. Do not share your account with anyone. If you do not have an email account, you can sign up for a free account at Hotmail.com, Yahoo.com or Mail.com.

1. Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/nashville/default.cfm>
2. View our postings and select the title you are interested in (**Police Officer Trainee**).
3. Click the apply link.
4. Create a Username and Password for your personal account (registration is free).
5. Once you create your account, you can complete your online employment application. Then your application is stored on file and can be submitted for future job postings.

If an applicant does not have internet access, they may go to any Public Library in Davidson County or to the following Career Centers.

Nashville Career Advancement Center – Main Office
621 Mainstream Drive , Ste 210 Ph # 615-862-8890

Nashville Career Advancement Center-South
3763 Nolensville Road Ph # 615-741-3556

Online applications can be completed in Metropolitan Government Human Resources Office located at 222 Third Avenue North - Suite 158. Business hours: Monday thru Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only

Employment Standards

- Two years (60 Semester hours) of general academic studies from an accredited college or university with an overall Grade Point Average of 2.0 ("C" Average) on a 4.0 scale. **Hours for remedial courses will not be counted. No more than two (2) transcripts will be evaluated. The cumulative hours and Grade Point Average (GPA) must appear on the transcript. Candidates must submit "official" transcripts that meet Metro's Educational Standards. At least one half of the total hours must be taken in residence, no more than half may be earned in non-traditional credits.** **OR** Applicant must have at least 2 years of active military duty and possess a high school diploma or GED. **Must not have been released or discharged under other than Honorable from any of the Armed Forces of the United States.** **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and documentation of a minimum of 2 years full-time law enforcement experience in a patrol capacity with a certification from Tennessee P.O.S.T. or equivalent State certification board. **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and have 5 years of responsible work experience. **AND**
- Must be a minimum of 21 years of age. (May apply 2 (two) months prior to your 21st birthday).
- The Distant Visual Acuity in each eye must be no worse than 20/100 (Snellen) uncorrected, corrected 20/20 in the better eye and 20/30 in the other eye. Binocular vision must be at 20 feet. Must have normal depth perception. Must have normal color vision.
- Valid "Class D" Driver's License.
- Citizen of the United States.
- Have not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge or to any violations of any federal or state laws or city ordinances relating to force, violence, theft, dishonesty, gambling, liquor or controlled substance.
- Your driving record will be considered part of the background investigation for this position. Multiple offenses and/or chargeable accidents are grounds for disqualification or removal from the eligibility register.
- Honorable discharge from Military Service (if applicable).
- The medical requirements for enlistment or appointment to either the Army or Navy are the basis for physical suitability at the time of appointment.

Meet standards set by the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission and adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly on June 24, 1983, T.C.A. 38-8-106.

Previous Drug Use Criteria

- Marijuana use will be viewed in the context of the applicant's age at the time of use, the recency of use, and the frequency of use. No marijuana use will be allowed within 2 years of the date of the application.
- No other illegal drug use within 7 years of application. Combined use of other drugs besides marijuana must not exceed 5 times.
- No sale of any drugs.
- Could have permanent disqualification for use of heroin, LSD, PCP, crack cocaine, and methamphetamine or similar substances.
- Any prior drug use, admitted or discovered, will be evaluated in determining employment eligibility.
- No pattern of abuse of legal or legend drugs (including steroids).

Must pass polygraph or CVSA concerning use.